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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Department of Technical Services  
U. S. Army Topographic Command

SUBJECT : Geographic Names Gazetteer

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1. The agreement reached between Mr. Laird, TOPOCOM, and [REDACTED] of this Office in regard to the gazetteers meets with my approval, and I have asked [REDACTED] to implement the arrangement and to work out with Mr. Laird any problems that may arise. 25X1A

2. In summary, it is my understanding that the NIS edition of the gazetteers will be discontinued. TOPOCOM will store copies of the "public" edition for all supplemental dissemination requirements and will accept for storage and supplemental dissemination the stock of NIS gazetteers presently held by CIA. Mr. Laird has received an inventory of the gazetteers in our hands.

3. We continue to regard the gazetteer program as an important one, and, for my part, I will do what I can to assure that an appropriate level of CIA financial support is maintained for initial printings. Printing costs for reruns, if required, will be the responsibility of TOPOCOM. We will continue to make recommendations concerning priorities and scheduling of future gazetteers.

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